

Lake Co.'s New Coroner Takes Reins



DR. E. M. SHANKLIN.

ED. SIMON REFUSES TO HUNT JOB

Democratic caucus on Saturday night is a serious affair, and Mayor Becker's friends are chosen delegates.

With no attempt by Ed. Simon to secure any cratic county chairman, to the end, delegate straight from Hammond, a pre on the other hand, Mayor Becker, ing or an the street department, the Hammond democratic convention last Friday night was a tame, one-sided, harmonious affair. With the exception of Ed. Simon, who was made a delegate, and possibly one or two others, the majority of the ten delegates to the district convention next Wednesday will listen to the dictates of Mayor Becker in the selection of a district chairman.

Simon Not An Avowed Candidate. An avowed desire of Ed. Simon to become district chairman would undoubtedly have brought a large number of his friends to help him get delegates, and this would have resulted in a spirited contest, but he still takes the position that he is not a candidate for district chairman unless his friends from this county and the other counties insist on his name going before the convention. Otherwise the selection of C. F. Murphy of Brookston is practical.

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ROBBERS IN KAUFMAN RESIDENCE

Owing to the presence of mind of Mrs. Carl Kaufman she prevented her home on South Hohman street from being robbed, last Friday night. It was about 8 o'clock in the evening when Mrs. Kaufman, who was on the second floor, heard footsteps below. Realizing immediately that burglars were in the house she telephoned to the police department, she having had a telephone upstairs.

The Kaufman automobile happened to be standing in front of the store in the district, and into this it sped, ordering the driver to stop. When they found that the residence they found that fact that the authorities if trail. They evidently time in which to accomplish work. It is thought that entrance to the house cellar door.

SHES FEET, T NEED SOCKS

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 3.—Tariff and quinine has been terror on Becker, a farm laborer northwest of Owensville. The first biting frost appears proceeds to give his feet a coat of varnish. The eliminates the necessity of socks and taking quinine Becker makes the "dope" which he paints his feet, and divulge the secret of its action.

STORY IN TIMES WAS CORRECT

The recent report that the McIlroy Belting and Hose Company has secured a site on Hoffman street, opposite Reid, Murdoch & Co., was erroneous and the facts were as stated in The Times—that this site was under consideration. A site has been purchased, however, it is located at the corner of Truman avenue and 30th street and includes a piece of property ninety feet by 150 feet in dimensions. The new location is considered much superior to the other in many respects. One is that it is nearer the express offices. The cost price of the property is not given. J. Floyd Irish stated today that the work of erecting the plant will begin as soon as the weather permits. The plant will cover the entire property. The land was purchased from the old Stein estate.

OFFICIALS STEP INTO OFFICE

No Formality Is Noted and New Official Family-Elect Takes Places in City Government at Noon—May

At 12 o'clock this noon the old city officials stepped out and the new ones stepped in. There was no formality in connection and what little there will be is reserved for this evening, when the new council meets, according to the state law.

Hammond's official family in the city hall for the next four years is as follows:

- Mayor—Lawrence Becker, democrat.
- Treasurer—William Wolter, democrat.
- Councilmen-at-large—John Kane, democrat; Nicholas Lauer, democrat; Conrad Markmueller, democrat; Harry Eastwood, democrat; C. W. Hubbard, democrat.
- Councilman, first ward—John Moriarty.
- Councilman, second ward—Henry Whitaker, republican.
- Councilman, third ward—John Pascale, democrat.
- Councilman, fourth ward—H. F. Eggers, democrat.
- Councilman, fifth ward—F. Kahl, republican.
- Councilman, sixth ward—John Papp, democrat.
- Councilman, seventh ward—F. S. Cotton, republican.
- Councilman, eighth ward—Arthur Schutz, republican.
- Councilman, ninth ward—Marion Hower, republican.
- Councilman, tenth ward—John Sturm, democrat.

GOODRICH WILL GIVE DINNER

AT THE STATE CAPITAL. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3.—The republican state central committee was called to meet here next Friday afternoon to arrange for its re-organization. Chairman Goodrich will give a dinner in the evening to all officers and members of the central committee since 1900, and an important meeting is to be held.

ROUMANIANS INJURED

Two Rumanians, whose names could not be learned, were struck by the Gary & Western this morning while on their way to St. John. One was seriously injured, while the other escaped with but slight injuries. The foreigners live in Indiana Harbor and were driving in a sled to St. John, when the Gary & Western, which arrives in Hammond at 10:15, struck them. Both men were injured, one receiving injuries which may result in his death. His companion received a sprained shoulder. An ambulance was summoned and the injured men were taken to St. Margaret's hospital.

SECOND MEETING FOR NEW HOTEL

Hammond Business Men Firmly Imbued That New Hostelry Is Necessary for Prosperity and Welfare of Hammond.

That the business men of Hammond are deeply interested in the matter of securing a modern hotel is shown by the fact that a second meeting of business men was held yesterday to take up the consideration of the hotel question.

The second meeting resulted in the formation of a definite plan which may result in the building of a hotel next spring. It is possible that a bonus of \$15,000 will be given to any local property owner or capitalist who will guarantee to build a modern hotel on an approved site in Hammond, to cost not less than \$100,000.

A committee has been selected to take up this matter with certain property owners, and it is expected that a definite announcement will be made regarding the matter in a week or ten days.

The new hotel will be modern fire-proof structure four stories high. There will be an attractive lobby and elevators will be installed. It is proposed to run the hotel on the European plan, and have a modern cafe in one of the store rooms on the main floor of the building.

Will Patronize It. It is said that there are any number of business men who will pledge themselves to patronize the new hotel frequently, providing the cuisine is up to date.

The fact is pointed out that the new hotel would become the center of the modern social life of the city, that Hammond social organizations would then have a place where they could hold a banquet without having to apologize for the appearance of the dining room.

The business men would profit through the fact that Hammond could then make a bid for conventions, and in the case of a Shrine affair, similar to that which was held last year, it would not be necessary to inform 1,000 of the best spenders in the world that the door to Hammond is closed to them.

A business man remarked today that there is nothing that will keep the people of Hammond from going to Chicago to spend their money as the knowledge that they can get a good meal, well served, in a local hotel.

DEMOCRATS IN GARY HAVE PEACEFUL MEET

Crolius Adherents Did Not Attempt to Start Anything.

The meeting of the Gary democrats held in Rogers hall Friday night for the purpose of electing delegates to the district convention to be held in Hammond Wednesday night was most harmonious owing to the fact that the Crolius contingency which was present did not attempt to "start" anything and voted with the other side. The following delegates and alternates were selected:

Delegates: Thomas E. Knotts, M. N. Castleman, T. E. Englehart. The Gary democrats plan to invade Hammond with two car loads of the followers of the rooster if their present plans are perfected. A resolution was passed that it be the sense of the meeting that two cars on the Gary and Western line be chartered and run to Hammond on the 11:19 train and that every democrat in the city who desires shall accompany the delegates. These spectators in the political arena have been assured of seats in the convention hall. Already badges have been ordered printed bearing the inscription "Gary Democracy" which the Gary delegation will wear to Hammond.

As far as is known the delegates have not been pledged openly or secretly to any candidate. A prominent democrat said today that they would support the best man whoever he might be. In any event it is assured that Edward Simon will not receive the support of the Gary men in the Knotts contingency in control. At Tolleston, the town of the votes, Edward Behnke and Walter Gibson tied for election to the delegacy of the township-at-large. A coin was thrown up to decide the winner and the lucky man was Behnke. Gibson was then made the alternate. There is a possibility that Behnke may vote for Simon yet this has not yet been assured.

Hammond's New City Judge



JUDGE BARNETT.

It is now Judge Fred Barnett, if you please—"Your Honor," when addressing him in court. Judge Barnett took office this morning, having been elected on the democratic ticket last fall to succeed Judge W. W. McMahon on the city court bench.

Only 29 years old, Judge Barnett has already a noteworthy career behind him and his friends predict a brilliant future for him. Every new phase in his life he has made to subserve as a stepping stone for something higher.

Disciple of Abe Lincoln. Judge Barnett was born in De Witt county, Illinois, in 1881. He grew up as a sturdy farmer and considers himself good enough for a hay pitching contest even now.

But to be an expert farmer was not his ambition. The farmers in the neighborhood said that old man Barnett was raising a regular bookworm, and so he did. Had he been more un-gainly and less handsome he would have been a worthy follower of Abe Lincoln in every respect. He worked in the day time and studied at night. From the public schools in DeWitt county he went to Valparaiso, where he took up a college course. From there he went to the Eureka (Ill.) college, where he graduated in 1907. His spare time he spent in a law office in Chicago. He came to Hammond in the summer of 1907 and shortly afterward married Miss Edna McKinney of Clinton, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have one daughter and reside at 333 Summer street.

Lojos Brings Suit.

Asztalas Lojos has brought an action against the Inland Steel company of Indiana Harbor for \$500 damages. He alleges that owing to the negligence of the company in not covering certain cogs his toe was caught in the cogs of a pair of wheels and his foot was crushed.

W. C. Mee May go on the Stage



W. C. MEE.

SECRET WEDDING AT THE HUB

Chicago Couple Weave a Romance at Crown Point Which Comes to Light on New Year's Day, Showing Elopement Last June.

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 3.—It was all planned that Miss Ruth Victoria Johnson of Evanston was to become Mrs. William Palmer on June 23, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, 1723 Ridge boulevard, her parents, looked forward to the date with especially satisfaction, for the marriage of their daughter was to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of their own wedding.

Friends of Miss Johnson were surprised to learn yesterday that she had been the bride of Mr. Palmer since June 23, 1909. Mr. Palmer and his fiancée, unwilling to await the arrival of the thirtieth anniversary, eloped and were married at Crown Point on the twenty-ninth return of the day. Her parents were ever more astonished by the news.

When the proper time came Mr. and Mrs. Palmer intended to make the marriage known to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson as a thirtieth anniversary surprise.

It was quite by accident that the plans went awry. Miss Anna Johnson, a sister of the bride, discovered the marriage certificate in a dresser drawer and showed it to her mother.

Mr. Palmer and Miss Johnson became engaged about a year ago. "Please wait and be married on our thirtieth anniversary," pleaded Mrs. Johnson. "That will be so interesting."

But the date—June 23—had a mystic influence. The very next time it came around they eloped to Crown Point.

They went first to Milwaukee, but found the Wisconsin marriage license laws too strict for elopements.

Mr. Johnson is a contractor. When he saw the telltale certificate he invited Mr. Palmer to live at his home, and the invitation was accepted. Announcements of the marriage were mailed New Year's day. The bridegroom is a son of Captain and Mrs. W. J. Palmer. Captain Palmer is stationed at the United States army post at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. His son is employed in the government service in Chicago.

W. C. MEE TO GO ON THE STAGE

Hammond Young Man Leaves for Mississippi to Join Stock Company.

JOINS FRANK DUDLEY COMPANY

Experience Gained In Amateur Theatricals Will Benefit the Young Actor.

Will C. Mee has resigned his connection with the firm of Lawrence Cox & Co., and has left for Water Valley, Miss., where he will join the Frank Dudley Stock company.

Mee has been long identified with the cigar and haberdashery business in this city. The first owned a small establishment in the Heintz block and built up a splendid business.

Later he went into a partnership with Lawrence Cox and opened a cigar store, billiard and poolroom and haberdashery in the Commercial bank building.

The next move was to secure the Charles Arkin location on Hohman street and Lawrence Cox purchased the property in the rear from Ben Hayes, where an up to date billiard and poolroom and bowling alley was established. This venture has proven a great success.

Later the partnership was dissolved and the name Lawrence Cox & Co. was adopted. Later Will Mee severed his connection with the firm and now he has gone south to join the Frank Dudley Stock company.

Before leaving for the south Mr. Mee said that this trip south was in the nature of a vacation and that he had no ambition to go into theatricals.

There is no question but what Mr. Mee could make good on the stage, as he has always made a hit in amateur

GARY LADY'S FATHER IS HURT NEW YEAR

(Special to The Times.) Lowell, Ind., Jan. 3.—Adam Ebert, one of Lowell's most substantial citizens, father of Mrs. Joseph Martin of Gary, escaped with what might have been a very serious accident, Saturday. While on the top of a ladder where he went to shovel the snow from the roof of his house, he missed his footing and fell to the ground several feet below, bruising his hip and body in a serious manner, but fortunately breaking no bones. The accident will confine Mr. Ebert to the house for several days, but he feels quite fortunate that he escaped with his life or a more serious accident.

PAPP GETS BUSY AT MEETING

Remarkable Attitude Taken by Alderman Surprises Some of City Authorities, and Attorney F. J. Lewis Meyer Leaves in Disgust.

which was by far the feature of the evening, was started.

Blocked at the special meeting of the city council last Friday night, and as a result the old council goes out without the credit of having added a good interurban to the city of Hammond, while, on the other hand, the whole project may fall through entirely unless a compromise is effected between the new administration and the South Shore line.

Amendments, some of which were a surprise in their nature, were sought to be tacked on the franchise which already had the approval of the board of public works and which had passed its second reading at a previous session of the council. The amendments were offered by Councilman J. C. Becker and Alderman John Papp.

Kane in Favor of Franchise. Councilman John Kane, as chairman of the street and alley committee, reported in favor of the franchise, but the report was not accepted by his brethren in the council—all present with the exception of John Kane voting for the amendments. Newman, with Eastwood, moved to table Councilman Kane's report.

Councilman John Becker offered amendments to the effect that the company which, by the way, already operates in Hammond, furnish a \$10,000 bonds and pay for all improvements in the opening of Indiana avenue from Smith street to Hickory street and that the franchise be signed by the president and secretary of the company.

Papp's Proposed Amendments. John Papp offered amendments to the effect that the schedule be cut down

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STEAMPIPE RUINS STAGE COSTUMES

That the people of Hammond are beginning to appreciate the efforts that are being made by the management of the Towle Opera House to book a list of good attractions is shown by the fact that "Fifty Miles From Boston" drew one of the best houses of the year.

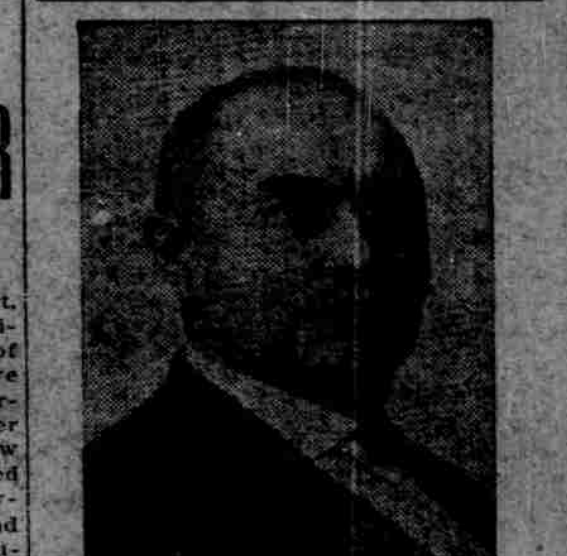
The company was a good one, and the audience seemed to enjoy the play immensely. It is a fact that was generally known that the company had a serious accident on the way to Hammond from Springfield, Ill.

A steam pipe in the baggage car broke and the steam filtered through all of the trunks. The heat was so great that it melted the cosmetics and all of the costumes had to be worn in their wet, wrinkled condition last night.

The company made the best of a bad situation, however, and the majority of the people in the audience did not know that serious mishap had dampened the ardor, not to say the costumes, of the players.

ADVERTISING IN THE TIMES.

Takes Seat For First Time



F. R. SCHAEFER SR.

GOVERNOR BLOCKS THE POOLSELLING

Sheriff Grant Kept Busy With Instructions From Capital, and Stops Game at Dearborn Park Saturday.

GOV. IS DETERMINED

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3.—Governor Marshall said today that Sheriff Grant laid up his horse at Dearborn Park and give him evidence that they are selling pools, as they say they will. He declares he will get busy against. He says that the Chicago syndicate shall not operate at Clark Station or elsewhere in Indiana.

Governor Marshall began the new year strenuously when he learned that an attempt was to be made to open the Dearborn Park poolroom on that day. He telegraphed to Attorney J. G. Ibach at Hammond ordering him to communicate with Sheriff Thomas Grant and inform him that the governor had demanded that the poolroom be closed.

Sheriff Grant at once organized his deputies and went to Dearborn Park where he had the situation in hand at all times. The interference of Sheriff Grant was not necessary, however, for Governor Marshall had already informed the telegraph and telephone companies that steps would be taken at once to revoke their charters if they supplied the poolroom with racing information.

The result was that 800 or 900 sports came all of the way from Chicago to Dearborn Park on New Year's day only to be denied the right to play the races and were compelled to wait three hours for the next train back to Chicago.

To Tear Out Wireless. Governor Marshall kept in communication with Ibach and Grant all day

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BARBER HELD UP FRIDAY

Max Bertholt, a barber, residing at 358 Conkey avenue, and having a shop at the corner of state and Jesse streets, according to his own story, was the victim of a holdup last Friday evening while he was on his way home.

"I was walking south on Calumet avenue and, while two blocks north of fire station No. 4, I saw two men approach me," said Mr. Bertholt. "As they neared I noticed that both wore white masks. When in front of me each drew a revolver and held it in my face without saying a word. I held up my hands and they took between \$6 and \$7 dollars from me. I carried a razor with me and this I whipped out and started to slash the taller one of the two around the face and the legs. He ran north, while the smaller one showed fight. The police were immediately on the scene, but the fellows got away."

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